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Monday, 19 October 2015

General Assembly Seventieth session

10:00

36th plenary meeting [webcast]

General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/70/3)
 - (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/140)

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [items 9 and 15]

Joint debate

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [item 116]

General Assembly Seventieth session

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/302, the second informal interactive consultation with all relevant stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society in advance of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly in December 2015, will be held on *Monday, 19 October 2015*, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 September 2015 and 14 October 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For an updated programme, please [click here](#).



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Main Committees**First Committee**

10:00 to 13:00

9th meeting [webcast]

Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items (items 88 to 105)

- (a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other High-Level Officials on the "Current state of affairs in the field of arms control and disarmament and the role of international organizations with mandates in this field" [Panellists: High Representative (ODA), Director-General (IAEA), Director-General (OPCW), Executive Secretary (Preparatory Commission for CTBTO), Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament]

- (b) Nuclear weapons cluster

[Documents of the Committee: *item 88* (A/70/139 and A/70/139/Add.1); *item 89* (A/70/29); *item 90*; *item 91*; *item 92* (A/70/174, A/70/172 and A/70/172/Add.1); *item 93* (A/70/153 (Part I) and A/70/153 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/70/L.1); *item 94*; *item 95*; *item 96*; *item 97* (A/70/168, A/70/168/Add.1, A/70/81, A/70/181, A/70/163, A/70/163/Add.1, A/70/164, A/70/164/Add.1, A/70/155, A/70/117, A/70/183, A/70/157, A/70/169, A/70/169/Add.1, A/70/170, A/70/170/Add.1, A/70/182, A/70/182/Add.1, A/C.1/70/2, A/C.1/70/L.4 and A/C.1/70/L.6); *item 98* (A/70/116, A/70/138, A/70/114 and A/70/165); *item 99* (A/70/177, A/70/186, A/70/27 and A/70/42); *item 100* (A/70/153 (Part II) (to be issued) and , A/C.1/70/L.2); *item 101*; *item 102* (A/70/160 and A/70/160/Add.1); *item 103* (A/70/171 and A/70/159); *item 104*; and *item 105*

Other documents: Organization of work (A/C.1/70/1, A/C.1/70/INF/1, A/C.1/70/INF/4, A/C.1/70/CRP.1 and A/C.1/70/CRP.2).]

[Delegations are reminded that the deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items is Tuesday, 20 October at noon. The list of speakers for thematic discussion *is open* and will *close* on Thursday, 22 October 2015, at 18:00. The time limit for the thematic discussions is *five minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *seven minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit. The names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Mr. Gerard Cianiulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; Room S-3058). The deadline for submission was 18:00 on Wednesday, 14 October 2015. An advance unedited version of the list of delegations has been posted on the QuickFirst Website. Subsequently, any additions and or changes to the list can be forwarded to the Secretary (please see instructions above). The list will be finalized and officially issued shortly thereafter. The names of participants submitted after issuance of the list would be included in an addendum, to be issued after the conclusion of the Committee's work.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales, or form A/INF/70/2, will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; Room S-3057). Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Website ([click here](#)). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org). An archived video of a 12-minute technical briefing on QuickFirst, presented by the Secretary of the Committee after the 2nd meeting of the sixty-eighth session, on 4 October 2013, is available by [clicking here](#), from 41 minutes 10 seconds to 52 minutes 36 seconds. Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the First Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the First Committee PaperSmart portal ([click here](#)) only when read out by the delegation.

A First Committee side events calendar is available by [clicking here](#). To have an event added on the list, please contact Ms. Soo Hyun Kim (e-mail kim12@un.org).

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)**

15:00

9th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 4

1. University for Peace (A/70/288) [item 50]

Introductory statement by the Rector of the University for Peace

General debate

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/70/L.10

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/70/20 and A/C.4/70/L.2, A/C.4/70/L.7 and A/C.4/70/L.9) [item 53]

Statement by the Chair of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

General debate

**Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation
in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

Afternoon¹ to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 4

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of the remaining items of the agenda of the Committee are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the seventieth session of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart4@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) PaperSmart portal ([click here](#)) only after delivery by delegations. Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers by [clicking here](#). For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Representatives of Member States wishing to be included in the Fourth Committee mailing list are requested to send an e-mail from an official Permanent Mission e-mail address to 4thcommittee@un.org indicating name, delegation and e-mail address.

Delegates may also follow the open formal meetings of the Committee via Live webcast on the United Nations Web TV website ([click here](#)). The direct link to the archived videos can be consulted by [clicking here](#).]

¹To be held following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Committee.

Second Committee

10:00 to 13:00

13th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 2

1. Address by the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, His Excellency Mogens Lykketoft
2. Sustainable development (A/70/75-E/2015/55, A/70/137-E/2015/86, A/70/214, A/70/215, A/70/215/Add.1, A/70/224, A/70/228, A/70/262, A/70/291, A/70/298*, A/70/422 (to be issued), A/70/129 and A/70/131) [item 20]
 - (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (A/70/283)
 - (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/70/269)
 - (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/70/282)
 - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind (A/70/230)
 - (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/70/230)
 - (f) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/70/230)
 - (g) Harmony with Nature (A/70/268)
 - (h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (A/70/228)

*Introductory statements followed by "question time"**General discussion*

15:00 to 18:00

14th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 2

Sustainable development (A/70/75-E/2015/55, A/70/137-E/2015/86, A/70/214, A/70/215, A/70/215/Add.1, A/70/224, A/70/228, A/70/262, A/70/291, A/70/298*, A/70/422 (to be issued), A/70/129 and A/70/131) [item 20]

- (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (A/70/283)
- (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/70/269)
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- (g) Harmony with Nature (A/70/268)
- (h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (A/70/228)

Continuation of the general discussion

[The programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the session are available on the website of the Second Committee ([click here](#)).

The list of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)).

Deadline for inscription to the lists of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items is 18:00 of the day before the consideration of the item.

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).]

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00

18th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 1

Rights of indigenous peoples (A/70/84-E/2015/76 and A/70/301) [item 69]

- (a) Rights of indigenous peoples
- (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

Introductory statement, followed by an interactive dialogue

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

Introductory statement, followed by question time

Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00

19th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 1

Rights of indigenous peoples (A/70/84-E/2015/76 and A/70/301) [item 69]

- (a) Rights of indigenous peoples
- (b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session as well as deadlines for inscription in the speakers lists and submission of draft proposals, is available by [clicking here](#).

All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 to 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017)

(A/70/6 (Introduction)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Sect. 2)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 3), A/70/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 4)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 5), A/70/6 (Sect. 6), A/70/6 (Sect. 7), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 9)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 10), A/70/6 (Sect. 11)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 12), A/70/6 (Sect. 13), A/70/6 (Sect. 14), A/70/6 (Sect. 14)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 15), A/70/6 (Sect. 16), A/70/6 (Sect. 17), A/70/6 (Sect. 17)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 18), A/70/6 (Sect. 18)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 19), A/70/6 (Sect. 20), A/70/6 (Sect. 21), A/70/6 (Sect. 22), A/70/6 (Sect. 23), A/70/6 (Sect. 24), A/70/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 25), A/70/6 (Sect. 26), A/70/6 (Sect. 27), A/70/6 (Sect. 28), A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.2, A/70/6 (Sect. 29), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29B)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29D), A/70/6 (Sect. 29E)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29F), A/70/6 (Sect. 29F)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29G), A/70/6 (Sect. 29H)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 30), A/70/6 (Sect. 31), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 33)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 34), A/70/6 (Sect. 35), A/70/6 (Sect. 36)*, A/70/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/70/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/70/97, A/70/86, A/70/7, A/70/16* (Chapter II A - relevant parts), A/70/80* (Chapter I), A/70/280 and A/70/280/Add.1)

15:00 to 18:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

To be determined

[Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit, as soon as possible, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org).

In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by [clicking here](#).]

Sixth Committee

10:00 to 13:00

10th meeting  [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session (A/70/17) [item 81]

Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly (A/66/141 and A/C.6/70/L.4) [item 168]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.4

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly (A/70/141 and A/C.6/70/L.2) [item 169]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.2

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly (A/70/142 and A/C.6/70/L.7) [item 170]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.7

Observer status for the International Civil Defence Organization in the General Assembly (A/70/191 and A/C.6/70/L.6) [item 171]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.6

Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly (A/70/192 and A/C.6/70/L.8) [item 172]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.8

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly (A/70/194 and A/C.6/70/L.3) [item 173]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.3

Observer status for the Union for the Mediterranean in the General Assembly (A/70/232 and A/C.6/70/L.5) [item 174]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.5

15:00 to 18:00

11th meeting  [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly (A/66/141 and A/C.6/70/L.4) [item 168]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.4

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly (A/70/141 and A/C.6/70/L.2) [item 169]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.2

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly (A/70/142 and A/C.6/70/L.7) [item 170]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.7

Observer status for the International Civil Defence Organization in the General Assembly (A/70/191 and A/C.6/70/L.6) [item 171]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.6

Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly (A/70/192 and A/C.6/70/L.8) [item 172]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.8

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly (A/70/194 and A/C.6/70/L.3) [item 173]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.3

Observer status for the Union for the Mediterranean in the General Assembly (A/70/232 and A/C.6/70/L.5) [item 174]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.5

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Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting
Executive meeting

Conference Room 10

Security Council**Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations**

15:30

Closed meeting

Conference Room 7

[All troop and police-contributing countries are invited to attend this meeting.]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**

Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from *Monday, 19 October* to Friday, 4 December 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Monday, 19 October 2015**First Committee**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Countering the Threat Posed by Improvised Explosive Devices" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (FMCT)" (under agenda item 97 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Permanent neutrality of Mongolia" (under agenda item 91) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

From 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Thirty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research" (under agenda item 99) (convened by the delegation of France)

From 16:30 to 17:30, in Conference Room 11.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons” (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

From 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Policies and programmes involving youth” (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled “Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism” (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

From 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity” (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled “Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity” (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Violence against women migrant workers” (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

From 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled “Protection of Migrants” (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled “Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment” (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Other meetings

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Monday, 19 October 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room D

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room D

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

13:15 to 14:30

Closed meeting

Conference Room 11

Other activities

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Monday, 19 October 2015**Meeting on the "Declaration on the Reaffirmation of the Preamble, Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations" (on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Spain)**

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Irene Martín, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail colaboradores.bcm@maec.es).]

Arms Trade Treaty Monitor Launch (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Austria, Ireland, the Netherlands and Trinidad and Tobago and Control Arms (First Committee experts))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mark Danhof, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail mark.danhof@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (646) 508-8118).]

Event on "Child Poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals: Indicators and Implementation under Goal One" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Luxembourg and Mexico and the Global Coalition Against Child Poverty)From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.  [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sydney Guzman, UNICEF (e-mail syguzman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 824 6952).]

Event on "Preventing harm from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Austria)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Krenn, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail doris.krenn@bmeia.gv.at; tel. 1 (917) 542-8425).]

Event on “Implementation of the revised United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Mandela Rules)” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, Penal Reform International and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 8.  [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information please contact. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org); or Ms. Andrea Huber, Penal Reform International (e-mail ahuber@penalreform.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org.sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 19 October 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237)  [webcast]

12:00

Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest: Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information (on planned activities for the United Nations Day (24 October))*]

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 20 October 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, on “Security Council Working Methods” in connection with the agenda item “Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)”.

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council’s Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

Informal meetings of the plenary on the preparatory process for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly in December 2015, will be held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 15:00 to 18:00; on Wednesday, 21, and Thursday, 22 October 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 October 2015 and 15 October 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 22 October 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings as follows:

On Wednesday, 21 October 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 112 (Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council).

On Monday, 26 October 2015, at 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 12 (Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting of the plenary for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations will be held on Friday, 23 October 2015, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 October 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the

United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly will conduct the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session, in the *fall of 2015*. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 7th meeting on Tuesday, 20 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 7th meeting and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Ninth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 21 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Global Code of Ethics for Tourism” (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 14:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Promoting social integration through social inclusion” (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Toward the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities” (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Korea)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled “Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas” (under agenda item 29) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection” (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “International Cooperation against the world drug problem” (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 14:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization” (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 15:00 18:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, France and Morocco)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session" (under agenda item 81) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 08:45 to 09:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 22 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 27 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Presentation of the report of the Secretary-General on the "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security) (organized by the Delegation of the European Union)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Magali Le Lievre, Delegation of the European Union (e-mail magali.le-lievre@eeas.europa.eu; tel. 1 (212) 292-8614).]

Panel discussion of the publication entitled "The World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan and Mexico, and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD))

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Harumi Shibata, UNSD (e-mail shibata@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0505).]

Briefing on "Cyber Stability: The Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) and Beyond" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (First Committee experts))

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mark Danhof, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail mark.danhof@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (646) 508-8118).]

Event on "Arms Trade Treaty: Outcomes of Conference of States Parties 2015 and planning for Conference of States Parties 2016" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico, Nigeria and the Control Arms)

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Francesca Arienzo, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail farienzo@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 572-0220).]

Event on "World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum, WSIS Stocktaking, WSIS Prizes" (organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU))

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office to the United Nations (e-mail london@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6121).]

Panel discussion on "Reducing the imprisonment of women" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand and the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) and the Penal Reform International (PRI))

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Uraiwan Courtaud, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail uraiwanya@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 133).]

Event on "The Digital Agenda (eLAC2018) for Latin America and The Caribbean: Regional progress and vision towards the future" (organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Wednesday, 21 October 2015, from 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Natalia Casas, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail ncasas@sre.gob.mx, tel. 1 (212) 752-0220); or Ms. Catalina Achermann Undurraga (e-mail catalina.achermann@cepal.org).]

Event on "The extraterritorial application of the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American University Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Amnesty International, the Convention against Torture Initiative, the Open Society Justice Initiative, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Wednesday, 21 October 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room F.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Andra Nicolescu, American University (e-mail anicoles@wcl.american.edu); or Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).]

Briefing on "From Space Debris to Space Governance: Space Security Index 2015" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada and Project Ploughshares)

Wednesday, 21 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Simon Collard-Wexler, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail simon.collard-wexler@international.gc.ca); or Ms. Anna Jaikaran, Project Ploughshares (e-mail ajaikaran@ploughshares.ca).]

Event on "Bridging The Gap: Social Inclusion For Youth with Disabilities" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)

Wednesday, 21 October 2015, at 13:15, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Yarden Holzer (e-mail yd@newyork.mfa.gov.il).]

Panel discussion on “Strengthening the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT): International Law and Effective Measures for Nuclear Disarmament” (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Thursday, 22 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katy Donnelly, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (email katy.donnelly@mfat.govt.nz).]

Event on “Reclaiming the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda: Mobilizing Within and Beyond the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) Framework” (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ireland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), the Women’s Peacemakers Program (WPP), the Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid (Cordaid), and the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security)

Friday, 23 October 2015, from 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 11.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Alexandra Bekker, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (e-mail alexandra.bekker@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9717); or Ms. Gizem Kilinc (e-mail g.kilinc@gppac.net).]

Briefing on “UNECE and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda: Norms, Standards, Conventions and Review Mechanisms” (by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)) (organized by the Regional Commissions New York Office (RCNYO))

Friday, 23 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Ansley Lancourt, RCNYO (email lancourt@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8518).]

Event on “Global Crackdown: The use of laws to criminalise and restrict human rights defenders” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway, Amnesty International, the International Service for Human Rights and the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders)

Friday, 23 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Emilie Everett, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail emilie.everett@mfa.no); to register, please e-mail s.burgess@ishr.ch.]

Briefing on “Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)” (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 26 October 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. John Michael Medina, CTITF (e-mail medina9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6290).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "A Personal and Political Quest for Gender Justice" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please, *click here* for further information.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Eleventh session

United Nations Office at Geneva

(19-23 October 2015)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2015/214 of 9 June 2015, the eleventh session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held from *Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 October 2015, at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland.*

Background materials, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the Financing for Development Website (*click here*).

For further information, please contact the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Michael Lennard (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *October 2015*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English, French, Spanish)

Treaty Research (English)

United Nations Regular Budget Documentation (English)

General Assembly Documentation (English, French)

Security Council Documentation (English)

Finding Speeches (English)

*Voting Information (English)**Introduction to Library Services (English)*

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl>).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website ([click here](#)).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 16 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 30 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses ([click here](#)); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme ([click here](#)) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by [clicking here](#).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 16 October 2015

Security Council

 [archived video]

7536th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Israel to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Zerihoun.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, the United States, the Russian Federation, France, China, New Zealand, Malaysia, Chad, the United Kingdom, Chile, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nigeria, Angola and Lithuania; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Spain.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

 [archived video]

34th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/175 and A/70/176) [item 66 (a) and (b)]

2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [item 14]

Joint debate

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), Sierra Leone (on behalf of African States), Brunei Darussalam (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the European Union, China, Algeria, Ethiopia, Thailand, Poland, Italy, Japan, Uganda, India, the United States, Libya, the Russian Federation and Sweden.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965 and decision 56/475 of 15 August 2002, the observer for the African Union made a statement.

35th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/175 and A/70/176) [item 66 (a) and (b)]

2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [item 14]

Joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 66 and its sub-items (a) and (b) and agenda item 14.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Egypt, Rwanda, Kazakhstan, Norway, Zambia, Turkey, Nigeria and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 66 and its sub-items (a) and (b) and agenda item 14.

Main Committees

First Committee

 [archived video]

8th meeting

The Chair made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Jordan, Gabon, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Montenegro, Morocco and Nepal.

Programme of work

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee decided that the thematic discussions will proceed as described by the Chair.

General debate

Statements were also made by the observers of the Observer State of the Holy See, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The meeting was suspended for statements from representatives of non-governmental organizations.

The meeting was resumed.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items.

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)**

 [archived video]

8th meeting*Assistance in mine action [item 51]*

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for the Rule of Law and Security Institutions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations on the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/70/207.

A question was posed by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to which the Assistant Secretary-General for the Rule of Law and Security Institutions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Director of the Mine Action Service responded.

General debate

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova), Thailand, Mexico, Peru, Iraq, Egypt, New Zealand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, China, Ukraine, Mali, Colombia, Japan, Afghanistan, Libya, Croatia, Australia, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates.

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/70/L.8

The Chair announced that the draft being considered under item 51 did not contain programme budget implications.

The representative of Poland introduced the draft resolution and announced that Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Canada, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine and the United States had also become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/70/L.8, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 51.

The Committee decided to extend the deadline for submitting the draft proposals on decolonization items until Monday, 19 October, at 18:00.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 7th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (see Journal No. 2015/199, p. 22); the first paragraph under "Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations" should read as follows:

The Committee adopted draft resolution I, contained in document A/70/23 (chapter XIII, p. 37), by a recorded vote of 154 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

Third Committee

 [archived video]

16th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 68]

- (a) *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*
- (b) *Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children*

The Committee continued its general discussion under the item and heard statements by the representatives of Eritrea, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Maldives, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Burkina Faso, Panama, the United Republic of Tanzania, Myanmar, Iceland, Indonesia, Malaysia, Madagascar, Georgia, Brazil, Haiti, Albania, South Africa, Monaco, Spain, Benin, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Comoros, Bulgaria, Colombia, Zambia, Malawi, San Marino, Montenegro and Kuwait.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

17th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 68]

- (a) *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*
- (b) *Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children*

The Vice-Chair (Canada) opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Committee continued its general discussion under the item and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar, Libya, Ukraine, Congo, Tonga, Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Brunei Darussalam, Ethiopia, Niger, Guinea and Botswana.

Statements were made by the observers of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Georgia and Ukraine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 68.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Canada) made a statement.

Sixth Committee [archived video]**8th meeting***The rule of law at the national and international levels [item 85]*

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 85.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, China, El Salvador, Japan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Burkina Faso, Brazil, Barbados, Botswana, Georgia, Madagascar, Mexico and the Philippines.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Holy See, the State of Palestine, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO).

The representatives of Morocco, China, the Russian Federation, Israel, Algeria, Viet Nam, Georgia, the Philippines and the State of Palestine made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 85.

9th meeting*Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission [item 80]*

The Committee commenced its consideration of agenda item 80.

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the European Union (also on behalf of its member States (the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the European Free Trade Association country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia aligned themselves with the statement), Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand (CANZ)), Guatemala, Kenya, Israel, Switzerland, Egypt, Thailand, India, Viet Nam, Algeria, Liberia, the United States, Côte d'Ivoire, Malaysia, El Salvador, Morocco and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 80.

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